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Letter dated 20 September 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to attach herewith the text of a statement by France, the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America concerning security assurances in connection with Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the annex thereto issued and circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 94 (k), and of the Security Council. The statement should not be considered as eligible for registration under Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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Annex to the letter dated 20 September 2012 from the Permanent Representatives of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Joint declaration of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America on Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status

The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

Welcoming the declaration by Mongolia in 1992 of its nuclear-weapon-free status and passage of the Law of Mongolia on its Nuclear-Weapon-Free Status, which entered into force on 3 February 2000,

Taking into account the negative security assurances given to Mongolia, as a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, by the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America in their respective unilateral declarations issued on 5 and 6 April 1995, and referred to in Security Council resolution 984 (1995) of 11 April 1995, or as subsequently updated,

Recalling the statement concerning security assurances for Mongolia as regards nuclear weapons, issued on 5 October 2000 by the People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America,

Taking into account Mongolia's status as a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as well as its unique geographic status,

Welcoming Mongolia's policy of developing peaceful, friendly and mutually beneficial relations with other States,

Welcoming Mongolia's declaration regarding its nuclear-weapon-free status of 17 September 2012,

Noting that the following declaration constitutes a political commitment only and does not create by itself any legal obligations,

Declare as follows:

1. The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm to Mongolia their intent to cooperate in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/77 D of 4 December 1998 with respect to Mongolia's nuclear-weapon-free status, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

2. The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

reaffirm their intent to seek immediate Security Council action to provide assistance to Mongolia, as a non-nuclear-weapon State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution 984 (1995) of 11 April 1995, if Mongolia should become a victim of an act of aggression or an object of a threat of aggression in which nuclear weapons are used.

3. The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America reaffirm, in the case of Mongolia, their respective unilateral negative security assurances as stated in their declarations issued on 5 and 6 April 1995, and referred to in Security Council resolution 984 (1995) of 11 April 1995, or as subsequently updated.

4. The People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation recall and reconfirm the legally binding commitments undertaken by them with respect to Mongolia through the conclusion of bilateral treaties with Mongolia regarding these matters.

5. The People's Republic of China, France, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America affirm their intent, as long as Mongolia maintains its nuclear-weapon-free status, to respect that status and not to contribute to any act that would violate it.

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17 September 2012, New York